
HOUSE BILL 1724

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1 AN ACT Relating to fire safety standards; and amending RCW
2 43.43.938.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.43.938 and 1995 c 369 s 18 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Wherever the term state fire marshal appears in the Revised
7 Code of Washington or the Washington Administrative Code it shall mean
8 the director of fire protection.

9 (2) The chief of the Washington state patrol shall appoint an
10 officer who shall be known as the director of fire protection. The
11 board, after consulting with the chief of the Washington state patrol,
12 shall prescribe qualifications for the position of director of fire
13 protection. The board shall submit to the chief of the Washington
14 state patrol a list containing the names of three persons whom the
15 board believes meet its qualifications. If requested by the chief of
16 the Washington state patrol, the board shall submit one additional list
17 of three persons whom the board believes meet its qualifications. The
18 appointment shall be from one of the lists of persons submitted by the
19 board.

1 (3) The director of fire protection may designate one or more
2 deputies and may delegate to those deputies his or her duties and
3 authorities as deemed appropriate.

4 (4) The director of fire protection, in accordance with the
5 policies, objectives, and priorities of the fire protection policy
6 board, shall prepare a biennial budget pertaining to fire protection
7 services. Such biennial budget shall be submitted as part of the
8 Washington state patrol's budget request.

9 (5) The director of fire protection, shall implement and
10 administer, within constraints established by budgeted resources, the
11 policies, objectives, and priorities of the board and all duties of the
12 chief of the Washington state patrol that are to be carried out through
13 the director of fire protection. Such administration shall include
14 negotiation of agreements with the state board for community and
15 technical colleges, the higher education coordinating board, and the
16 state colleges and universities as provided in RCW (~~43.63A.320~~)
17 43.43.934. Programs covered by such agreements shall include, but not
18 be limited to, planning curricula, developing and delivering
19 instructional programs and materials, and using existing instructional
20 personnel and facilities. Where appropriate, such contracts shall also
21 include planning and conducting instructional programs at the state
22 fire service training center.

23 (6) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director
24 of fire protection, shall seek the advice of the board in carrying out
25 his or her duties under law.

26 (7) By December 31, 2007, the director of fire protection must
27 adopt by rule:

28 (a) A fire safety standard for upholstered furniture that is
29 substantially the same as the provisions of the 2002 draft revised
30 technical bulletin, CAL 117+, for "Requirements, Test Procedure and
31 Apparatus for Testing the Flame and Smolder Resistance of Upholstered
32 Furniture," published by the state of California, department of
33 consumer affairs, bureau of home furnishings and thermal insulation;

34 (b) A fire safety standard for electronic equipment within the
35 field of audio/video information technology and communication
36 technology that is substantially the same as the provisions of the
37 international electrotechnical commission's document entitled "IEC
38 62368-f3 Ed 1.0: Audio/Video, Information and Communication Technology

1 Equipment - Safety Requirements" (circulation date December 15, 2006),
2 which incorporates external ignition protection as specified in the
3 technical specification (IEC TS62441), published December 2006.

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